

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, 1861-1999<sup>1</sup>

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|-----------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Philo Parsons                     | 1861-1865 | Charles E. Downing                 | 1934-1939 |
| Charles Rich                      | 1861-1867 | Lavina Masselink                   | 1938-1943 |
| Silas Yerkes                      | 1861-1867 | James J. Jakway                    | 1938-1943 |
| Justus Gage                       | 1861-1869 | Melville B. McPherson <sup>8</sup> | 1940-1945 |
| David Carpenter                   | 1861-1871 | Forest H. Akers                    | 1940-1957 |
| Hezekiah G. Wells                 | 1861-1883 | Winfred G. Armstrong <sup>9</sup>  | 1944-1954 |
| A. S. Welch                       | 1863-1869 | Sarah Van Hoosen Jones             | 1944-1955 |
| Abraham C. Prutzman               | 1867-1873 | Frederick H. Mueller               | 1945-1957 |
| S. O. Knapp                       | 1867-1873 | Ellsworth B. More <sup>10</sup>    | 1948-1950 |
| Oramel Hosford                    | 1869-1875 | Connor D. Smith                    | 1950-1953 |
| J. Webster Childs                 | 1869-1887 | Arthur K. Rouse                    | 1954-1959 |
| George W. Phillips                | 1871-1883 | Connor D. Smith                    | 1954-1969 |
| A. Smith Dyckman                  | 1873-1879 | William E. Baker <sup>11</sup>     | 1956-1957 |
| Franklin Wells <sup>2</sup>       | 1873-1903 | C. Allen Harlan                    | 1957-1969 |
| Milton J. Gard                    | 1875-1881 | Jan B. Vanderploeg                 | 1958-1963 |
| Henry G. Reynolds                 | 1879-1885 | Don Stevens                        | 1958-1979 |
| Thomas D. Dewey                   | 1881-1887 | Frank Merriman                     | 1960-1975 |
| Elijah W. Rising                  | 1883-1889 | Warren M. Huff                     | 1960-1977 |
| Henry Chamberlain                 | 1883-1897 | Paul D. Bagwell <sup>12</sup>      | 1964-1965 |
| Cyrus G. Luce                     | 1885-1891 | John S. Pingel <sup>12</sup>       | 1964-1965 |
| William B. McCreery               | 1887-1890 | Stephen S. Nisbet                  | 1964-1971 |
| Charles W. Garfield               | 1887-1899 | Frank Hartman <sup>13</sup>        | 1965-1973 |
| Oscar Palmer                      | 1889-1891 | Clair A. White <sup>13</sup>       | 1965-1973 |
| Asa C. Glidden                    | 1889-1895 | Kenneth W. Thompson                | 1967-1975 |
| Edwin Phelps                      | 1891-1895 | Blanche Martin                     | 1969-1985 |
| Ira Butterfield                   | 1893      | Patricia M. Carrigan               | 1971-1979 |
| Charles F. Moore                  | 1893-1899 | Aubrey Radcliffe                   | 1973-1981 |
| Charles J. Monroe                 | 1895-1907 | Jack M. Stack                      | 1973-1981 |
| W. E. Boyden                      | 1895-1897 | John B. Bruff <sup>14</sup>        | 1975-1983 |
| Arthur C. Bird                    | 1897-1899 | Raymond W. Krolkowski              | 1975-1983 |
| Thomas Frank Marston <sup>3</sup> | 1897-1909 | Michael J. Smydra <sup>15</sup>    | 1977-1980 |
| Edward P. Allen                   | 1899-1905 | Carole Lick                        | 1979-1987 |
| Hollister F. Marsh                | 1899-1905 | Barbara J. Sawyer                  | 1979-1994 |
| L. Whitney Watkins                | 1899-1905 | Peter B. Fletcher                  | 1980-1985 |
| William H. Wallace <sup>4</sup>   | 1903-1921 | Elizabeth P. Howe <sup>16</sup>    | 1981-1983 |
| Aaron P. Bliss                    | 1903-1910 | Thomas Reed <sup>17</sup>          | 1981-1992 |
| Charles F. Moore <sup>5</sup>     | 1903-1905 | Bobby D. Crim <sup>18</sup>        | 1983-1984 |
| Henry F. Buskirk                  | 1905-1907 | Patrick J. Wilson                  | 1983-1989 |
| William Oberdorfer                | 1905-1911 | Malcolm G. Dade, Jr.               | 1983-1991 |
| Robert D. Graham                  | 1905-1919 | Lawrence D. Owen                   | 1984-1991 |
| Alfred J. Doherty                 | 1907-1919 | Dean Pridgeon                      | 1985-1993 |
| I. Roy Waterbury                  | 1907-1921 | Kathleen Wilbur <sup>19</sup>      | 1985-1991 |
| William L. Carpenter              | 1909-1911 | Joel Ferguson                      | 1987-1994 |
| John W. Beaumont <sup>6</sup>     | 1912-1921 | Robert E. Weiss                    | 1989-     |
| Jason Woodman                     | 1912-1923 | Dolores Cook                       | 1991-     |
| Dora H. Stockman                  | 1920-1931 | John Shingleton                    | 1991-1999 |
| L. Whitney Watkins                | 1920-1931 | Melanie Reinhold                   | 1991-1993 |
| John A. Doelle <sup>7</sup>       | 1921-1922 | Russell Mawby <sup>20</sup>        | 1992-1996 |
| Clark L. Brody                    | 1921-1959 | Dorothy Gonzales                   | 1993-     |
| Jay R. McColl                     | 1922-1933 | Bob Traxler                        | 1993-     |
| Melville B. McPherson             | 1922-1933 | Donald Nugent                      | 1995-     |
| Herbert W. Gowdy                  | 1924-1929 | Colleen McNamara                   | 1995-     |
| William H. Berkey                 | 1930-1947 | David Porteous                     | 1996-1997 |
| Matilda R. Wilson                 | 1932-1937 | Joel Ferguson                      | 1997-     |
| Gilbert L. Daane                  | 1932-1937 | David Porteous                     | 1999-     |
| Benjamin H. Halstead              | 1934-1939 |                                    |           |

<sup>1</sup>Established as the Agricultural College of the State of Michigan by Act 130 of 1855, the Board of Instruction (professors and teachers) of the college acted as the first governing board of the institution. The act empowered the board to establish rules and regulations for the government of the college, subject to alteration or approval by the Board of Education.

Act 188 of 1861 reorganized the college, created a 6-member state board of agriculture to govern it, defined the board's powers and duties, and named and appointed the first board (D. Carpenter, Gage, Parsons, Wells, Yerkes, and Rich), allowing those members to determine their terms of office by lot, 2 members each serving terms of 2, 4, and 6 years. Subsequent terms were 6 years in length. With the enactment of Act 308 of 1905, the membership of the board was increased to 7.

In the Constitution of 1908, new sections 7 and 8, relative to the state board of agriculture, had the effect of making the governing body a constitutional board elected by the people instead of a statutory board appointed by the governor. *Bauer v State Board of Agriculture*, 164 Mich. 415 (1911). The number of board members was reduced to 6. The first elected board consisted of 2 members each elected to terms of 2 (W. Carpenter, Oberdorfer), 4 (Doherty, Graham), and 6 (Wallace, Waterbury) years. Subsequent vacancies were filled at the regular biennial spring election for terms of 6 years.

In 1959, the name of the governing board of what had become Michigan State University of Agriculture and Applied Science was changed to "board of trustees." On April 6, 1959, voters approved Joint Resolution 2 as an amendment to the Constitution of 1908.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY (Cont.)

Under the Constitution of 1963, the membership of the board of trustees was increased to 8 and members' terms were lengthened to 8 years. To facilitate the transition of board operations, Act 23 of the 2nd Extra Session of 1963 extended the terms of the sitting board (Smith, Harlan, Stevens, Merriman, Huff, Nisbet) by 1 year and provided for the governor's appointment of 2 additional members to serve 1-year terms only. The election of the first board members under the provisions of the Constitution of 1963 occurred at the general election in November 1964. See Act 5 of the 2nd Extra Session of 1963.

<sup>2</sup> Deceased; succeeded by Charles F. Moore July 24, 1903.

<sup>3</sup> Resigned; succeeded by William L. Carpenter May 27, 1909.

<sup>4</sup> Resigned; succeeded by John A. Doelle September 17, 1921.

<sup>5</sup> Resigned; succeeded by Henry F. Buskirk January 6, 1905.

<sup>6</sup> Resigned; succeeded by Clark L. Brody October 8, 1921.

<sup>7</sup> Resigned; succeeded by Jay R. McColl April 5, 1922.

<sup>8</sup> Deceased; succeeded by Frederick H. Mueller August 2, 1945; Mueller reappointed February 20, 1946.

<sup>9</sup> Deceased; succeeded by Connor D. Smith December 9, 1954.

<sup>10</sup> Deceased; succeeded by Connor D. Smith May 24, 1950.

<sup>11</sup> Resigned; succeeded by C. Allen Harlan October 29, 1957.

<sup>12</sup> Appointed to 1-year term January 10, 1964. See Act 23 of the 2nd Extra Session of 1963; Act 5 of the 2nd Extra Session of 1963.

<sup>13</sup> First members elected under Constitution of 1963, Act 5 of the 2nd Extra Session of 1963, and Act 23 of the 2nd Extra Session of 1963.

<sup>14</sup> Resigned; succeeded by Malcolm G. Dade, Jr., March 14, 1983.

<sup>15</sup> Resigned; succeeded by Peter B. Fletcher May 20, 1980.

<sup>16</sup> Resigned; succeeded by Patrick J. Wilson March 14, 1983.

<sup>17</sup> Resigned; succeeded by Russell Mawby January 1992.

<sup>18</sup> Resigned; succeeded by Lawrence D. Owen October 3, 1984.

<sup>19</sup> Resigned; succeeded by Melanie Reinhold January 18, 1991, who completed Wilbur's term ending January 1, 1993.

<sup>20</sup> Resigned; succeeded by David Porteous June 19, 1996, who completed Mawby's term ending January 1, 1997.

Sources: Archives, *Michigan Department of State Record of Civil Officers, 1835-1962*; Bureau of Elections, Michigan Department of State; *Constitutions of the State of Michigan*; Great Seal Office, *Michigan Department of State Record of Civil Officers, 1963 - present*; *Laus of Michigan*; *Michigan Reports, Volume 164*; *Public and Local Acts of Michigan*; and Secretary of the Board of Trustees, Michigan State University.